

Chaplain of that organization. In addition to these critical professional commitments, Frank is the Deacon of the Ramapo Valley Baptist Church, the Adjutant for VFW Post #5102. He is also active in the American Legion Post #369 and is the Financial Secretary of the Oddfellows Lodge.

Mr. Speaker, in light of Frank Leone's outstanding contribution to Oakland and Passaic County, I would ask that you join me, our colleagues, and Frank's friends and family as the Passaic Valley Council Boy Scouts of America honor him with their Distinguished Citizen Award.

THANK YOU DAVID PRUDER

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, we would not have safe and secure communities without a police force which is dedicated to protecting our citizens from harm. They put their lives in danger every day to make our lives better. Police forces across this nation perform their duty with limited resources to protect their citizens. And, in many communities volunteer reserve units provide additional officers who are essential in maintaining peaceful communities.

Today, I would like to recognize one of those officers who has volunteered for 20 years with the Bay City Police Reserves and who has been Reserve Chief since 1988. Reserve Chief David C. Pruder has selflessly served the people of Bay City with integrity and outstanding leadership since 1977. Under Reserve Chief Pruder's leadership, the volunteers have made a tremendous difference in the community by donating an incredible 3,000 hours per year.

Reserve Chief Pruder should be proud of his efforts and accomplishments. David Pruder has led by example that volunteers are essential to a safer society. His efforts have made our community safer and our quality of life better. He often recognizes the officers in his unit for their accomplishments and dedication and always gives credit where credit is due. Today, Mr. Speaker, I rise to do the same for him.

David Pruder has touched so many lives with his Police Reserve work, but that is just the tip of a wonderful iceberg. Not only has he made our citizens safer, but he has dedicated many hours over the past 13 years to the Special Olympics to provide disabled individuals with the opportunity to compete in athletic events. He also coaches softball, cross country and skiing. Additionally, he has served on the Board of Directors in Bay and Arenac Counties.

He could not have had such a successful career and fulfilled life without the support of his wife, Kim and their two children Jeff and Stefannie. His loyalty and dedication is also evidenced by his 25 years of employment with S.C. Johnson Wax.

Mr. Speaker, Reserve Chief David Pruder represents the spirit of volunteerism and community service which makes our country one of the greatest nations in the world. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing David Pruder and wishing him well in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO LINDA LOPEZ

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Linda Lopez, a dedicated community leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Linda Lopez is an exemplary community volunteer who learned the value of service from her mother and sisters, activists in local church and school affairs, as well as the Chicano civil rights movement. Ms. Lopez is President of the Board of La Raza Centro Legal and has been a leader in helping to unionize employees with the Service Employees International Union. She was a founder of the North Fair Oaks Economic Development Organization, now the Community Council, which assists North Fair Oaks residents in presenting issues of importance to their community to the County Board of Supervisors. Ms. Lopez also was involved in founding the Fair Oaks Clinic. She uses her bilingual and community outreach skills with compassion and generosity, and is a devoted single mother of three sons.

Mr. Speaker, Linda Lopez is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her remarkable contributions and commitment to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday during the debate on HR 856, the United States-Puerto Rico Political Status Act, I voted for the Miller-Burton substitute amendment to the Solomon amendment, which passed, but against the final version of the Solomon amendment (as amended by Miller-Burton).

I voted for the Miller-Burton substitute because it was vastly preferable to the underlying Solomon proposal. However, because I did not feel that any special "English only" provisions were worth supporting in the end, I opposed the Solomon amendment as amended by Miller-Burton. "English only" provisions are, as a rule, divisive, discriminatory, and serve no useful purpose. They simply have no place in this bill or this debate.

EXPANSION OF THE FORT CLATSOP NATIONAL MEMORIAL

HON. ELIZABETH FURSE

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Ms. FURSE. Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, today I am introducing legislation to allow for the expansion of Fort Clatsop National Memorial in the First District on Oregon.

The Memorial was established through an Act of Congress in 1958. With communities all across America beginning to prepare for the centennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition, it is important that we pass this bill as soon as possible.

The present Memorial marks the spot where Meriwether Lewis, William Clark and Corps of Discovery spent 106 days during the winter of 1805. The Bicentennial of their historic journey is fast approaching and the Commissioners of Clatsop County and the Memorial's management approached me for assistance in preparation planning. Clatsop County currently owns the terminal piece of the Lewis and Clark Trail, known today as Sunset Beach, located nearby the Memorial itself. The County Commissioners would like to be able to donate this last piece of the Trail to the Memorial.

It has been established a quarter of a million people will visit Fort Clatsop National Memorial each of the two bicentennial summers, 2004 and 2005. It is imperative that solid preparation be made to accommodate this influx and permit the visitors not only to enjoy following in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark, but also avoid negative impacts that unplanned movement of visitors might create.

Unfortunately, the act of Congress which created the Memorial limited its size to 130 acres. This bill would permit the size of the Memorial to expand, in conjunction with the Memorial's General Management Plan of 1995, and permits acquisition of land through willing trade, sale or donation. The Clatsop County Commission gives this legislation its unanimous support and the entire North Coast community eagerly awaits its passage.

I will work closely with my colleagues on the authorizing Committee to pass this legislation which will benefit my constituents in Oregon, and urge the entire House to support it.

THANK YOU EDWIN KORN, JR.

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, our communities only grow and succeed when there is strength in community and strong leaders. I rise today to pay tribute to one individual, Edwin Korn, Jr., who has been the backbone of Port Austin for almost 40 years, serving 36 of those years as the President of the Port Austin Village Council.

Edwin was born in Detroit and moved to Port Austin in 1950. He left Port Austin only twice; once to attain a higher educational level when he went to college and again to serve his country in the Army. Since then, he has been a strong presence in Port Austin and an important leader of the community.

Appointed clerk in 1962, he served one term as Trustee before becoming President. He has overseen some amazing changes in Port Austin including the switch from well water to lake water and the creation of the waste water facility. Although he will not seek reelection, I am sure he will remain a strong influence and continue to support efforts to improve the lives of the citizens of Port Austin and its surrounding area.

He created and is a member of the Sewer and Water Authority which will allow outlying

areas to join in and bring lake water to Bad Axe. Edwin is optimistic that there will be strong development in the Port Austin area over the next ten years and he plans to continue to remain a key player.

He could not have had such a successful career and fulfilled life without the support of his wife Doreen and their four children, 11 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchildren. His loyalty and dedication is evident through his job at Mayes IGA Foodliner where he has worked for 40 years and is now a manager.

Mr. Speaker, if we want citizens who are absolutely driven by the concept of community and family, then we must continue to praise individuals like Edwin Korn. I ask you and all of our colleagues to join me in wishing Edwin Korn the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MARIAN MANN

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marian Mann, a dedicated community leader who is being honored as an inductee into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

Marian Mann is an active community volunteer who gives generously of her time and talents to a wide variety of organizations and causes. She was a founder of Daly City's nationally acclaimed anti-graffiti program, as well as the Gateway Festival, an annual celebration of San Mateo County's diversity. Ms. Mann has worked extensively with developmentally disabled individuals and helped create an annual 'Funday' for young people from throughout the Bay Area. She also offers emotional and practical support to youth needing guidance to fulfill their terms of probation.

Mr. Speaker, Marian Mann is an outstanding citizen and I salute her for her remarkable contributions and commitment to our community. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating her on being inducted into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame.

A TRIBUTE TO JOHN BURTON

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, my colleague, LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD and I would like to bring to your attention today the fine work and outstanding public service of our longtime friend and former colleague, State Senator John Burton of San Francisco.

In January, John Burton ascended to the highest elected position in the California State Legislature—president pro tem of the State Senate. The shock of the change in the ruling majority in Congress in 1994 was a mere tremor compared to the seismic occurrence that led to John's ascension to his current po-

sition. To say the least, John did not take the most traditional path to reach the second highest position in state government. But he would not have had it any other way.

John's career in public affairs has been unique and diverse. His public service has spanned several decades and two coasts. Through it all, he has maintained a reputation for his love of competitive sports, a remarkable sense of humor, and for telling it like it is.

John L. Burton was born in Ohio but was raised and educated in his beloved San Francisco. A standout in basketball, he attended San Francisco State College and graduated from the University of San Francisco Law School where he received the American Jurisprudence Award for outstanding scholarship. Incidentally, John worked his way through college and law school as a city playground director and bartender.

John got his start in the rough and tumble world of California politics as a protégé of his big brother, Phil Burton. Phil was elected to the State Assembly in 1956 and brought into his political operation his brother, John, and two close friends. One was George Moscone with whom John had played basketball on the courts of San Francisco. The second was a shy and retiring young man from Texas, a fellow student at San Francisco State College named Willie Brown.

John was elected to the California Legislature in 1964. Ten years later, he was elected to the House of Representatives. In 1982, he retired from public office and successfully completed a chemical dependency recovery program. He ran a successful law practice until winning a special election to the State Assembly in 1988 where he served until his election to the State Senate in 1996.

John Burton is from the old school of public affairs—where member to member contact is the key to building meaningful personal relationships and where one is only as good as his or her word. He is also a dyed-in-the-wool classic liberal—and very proud of it. As he begins his tenure as president pro tem, John has not only emerged from his brother's shadow, he is casting a pretty sizable shadow of his own.

Mr. Speaker, a friend of John Burton is a friend for life—even if he happens to live and work on the other side of the aisle. Please join us today in recognizing our very good friend, John Burton.

GALLATIN LAND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1998

HON. RICK HILL

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, today I join with my Montana colleagues, U.S. Senators CONRAD BURNS and MAX BAUCUS in introducing the "Gallatin Land Consolidation Act of 1998." This legislation is designed to protect key wildlife habitat in the Taylor Fork area near Yellowstone National Park, save taxpayer dollars through consolidation of checkerboard federal lands and enhance hunting and other recreational pursuits. This bipartisan solution is a major step towards ending the uncertainty regarding the future of these critical land areas.

This bill reflects input from a wide range of community and public interests gathered

through a series of meetings and discussions held over the last several months. While there are still details to be addressed with regard to balancing the assets identified for exchange, this bill provides the underlying framework for completing the final phase of the Gallatin Land Consolidation Act. This legislation also proves that it's possible to achieve a balance between responsible natural resource management, which includes preservation of public resources, recreational opportunities and jobs.

It's also important to recognize one of the goals of this exchange is to improve public access to the forest. This legislation directs the Forest Service to initiate a planning process that will involve the public in determining management of the lands to be acquired in this exchange. During the interim, existing public access to those areas will be maintained.

Mr. Speaker, one other important aspect of this legislation involves the use of federal timber as one of the assets for balancing this land exchange. Twenty million board feet of timber is dedicated over a two-year period to acquiring lands in the Taylor Fork. To ensure that the timber is available in that time frame, local conservationists and sportsmen have committed to the Montana Congressional delegation that they will work proactively with the U.S. Forest Service to review timber sales and resolve environmental concerns up front, rather than waiting to file appeals. That collaboration most clearly illustrates the high level of public support that exists for completing this exchange.

Mr. Speaker, this bill is important to my home state of Montana. With a hearing already scheduled in the Forests and Forest Health Subcommittee, I look forward to working with the rest of Montana's delegation and my House colleagues to complete this exchange during this session of Congress.

RECOGNIZING MR. HUGH THOMPSON

HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 5, 1998

Mr. JOHN. Mr. Speaker, I would like for my colleagues to join me today in recognizing a true American hero from Lafayette, Louisiana.

Some 30 years ago, a forgotten story of personal courage and bold convictions unfolded in the village of My Lai in South Vietnam. A 24 year old Army helicopter pilot, Mr. Hugh Thompson, found himself thrown into the midst of a massacre—one which pitted him against his superiors and even his own fellow soldiers. His story has remained a dim light in this dark period of our military history. However, I am honored to share it with this body as it represents a patriotic act of great sacrifice, moral fortitude and uncommon valor.

Mr. Speaker, on March 16, 1968, Mr. Thompson, defying his superiors, landed his helicopter in front of helpless My Lai villagers gathered in a hut. He did so not to protect them from the assault of the enemy he was trained to combat in Vietnam but to protect them from the ongoing assault of soldiers wearing the United States' uniform. Shocked at the horror of witnessing innocent children, women and men being fired upon by fellow soldiers, Mr. Thompson moved to action along